



## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2014

#### COMMISSIONERS

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*Recorder*

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**Commissioners Present:** Christine Ferguson, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Diana Halleman, Chloe Scott, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Veralynn Morris, Marcela Perez, Sharon Dobson, Valerie Dougherty, Annie Jones, Susan Mender, Shellome Walters, Rosario Campos and Ashley Collier

**Guests Present:** Ronnie Osterman, Terry Smith, and Pat Rosensteel

#### a. President's Report and Announcements

- a. Commission President Christine Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present. The November 2014 minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Diana Halleman indicated a correction needed to be made in part one, section c – change “serves” to “services”. Commissioner Halleman moved that the minutes be approved with amendment; Commissioner Susan Mender second. Minutes were approved with amendment.
- b. Commissioners and Guests introduced themselves.
- c. Guest speaker Pat Rosensteel provided an update on changes in the county government. She reported that at the time of the meeting much was still unknown but County Executive is full time and more readily available than the County Council. The County Executive must recommend all boards and commissions which must be approved by the Council. Q&A - where there be increases in budgets? Proposed budgets were submitted. FCCFW can make an appeal to increase funding. Pat or Leslie can assist. An appeal may not work since all FCCFW funding was cut. pat will check into what is the appropriate process.
- d. Calendar of Events – Commissioner Marcela Perez distributed report
  - a. Volunteers are needed for the Centro Hispano Christmas Party scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> and for the Woodier Elementary School food distribution

#### b. Financial Report (3rd Quarter) - Marcela Perez

- a. Commissioner Perez led a discussion regarding a financial management matter. The operating account balance is low balance. She recommends \$1000 transfer from the reserve. The last transfer was in 2012. President Ferguson reminded the commissioners that because the commission will no longer host the Maryland Women's Conference, the commission does not have a revenue source. The Leadership Alliance Dinner (LAD) is not a fundraiser. There will be future discussion of fundraising opportunities. Commissioner Valerie Dougherty reminded the commissioners that any activity the commission would engage in would be as a representative of Frederick County Government.

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Commissioner Halleman made motion to transfer funds from the fundraising account to operations account, Commissioner Shellome Water second. Motion passed unanimously.

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### c. Old Business

#### a. Update on previous activities

- Human Trafficking – Commissioner Chloe Scott reported that Delta Sigma Theta Alumni Association will present the "In Plain Sight" documentary on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the Hood College auditorium. Event is open to the community. Flyers will be distributed. President Ferguson provided an update on the status of the Task Force on Human Trafficking. The effort will not be led by any particular organization but a coalition of groups and individuals and is being organized to determine what laws should be in place in Frederick County. The group is seeking volunteers. Commissioner Olga Hernandez-Smith volunteered to represent the commission.
- Internship program – Commissioner Annie Jones received clarification from Hood College between the Community Scholars Program (CSP) and internship program. CSP is less formal and designed to help students get their work study money. Financial aid would manage the project and sign the agreement with the commission. An internship would need to be submitted for approval from the county. The county legal office is uncomfortable with some of the financial provisions outlined in the agreement. CSP may strike provisions or further work will be required to get county approval.
- Final Annual Planning action items – Commissioner Vera Lynn Morris will submit commissioners recommendations to President Ferguson in a written report.

### d. New Business

- #### a. Leadership Alliance Dinner - The event will be held in March. President Ferguson is committee chair and Commissioner Scott is on the committee. Commissioners are invited to join the review committee once nominations are submitted.

### e. Committee/Liaison Reports

- #### a. Legislative Committee - Commissioner Morris reported. Commissioner Jones will represent the commission at the MD Legislative Briefing on January 25. Commissioner Morris is working with the Chamber legislative representative and will report back to the commission.

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- b. Marketing Committee - Commissioner Cynthia Miller has resigned from the commission leaving a vacancy in the committee chair position. A committee meeting will be scheduled to select a new chair.
  - New Booth – President Ferguson presented the new outreach booth. A group photo will be taken to be displayed on the booth.
- c. Outreach Committee – Commissioner Hernandez-Smith reported.
  - The committee helped to distributed 15k pounds of food provided by Maryland Food Bank and Seed of Life
  - Commissioner Perez provides homework and healthy eating programming for children every Monday at the Juice Plate
  - Commissioner Campos volunteered at the Asian American Center Baby Shower event.
- d. Recruiting/Volunteer Committee - No report.

### Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Next public meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2014

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